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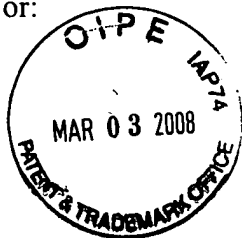
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' continuing obligation to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office all references coming to their attention which are related to the invention of the subject application, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following references, copies of which are being submitted herewith along with their English-language abstracts.

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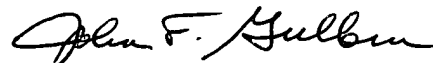
Foreign (non-U.S.) References:

- 1) Japanese Publication No. 7-99674 (April 11, 1995)
- 2) Japanese Publication No. 7-104992 (April 21, 1995)
- 3) Japanese Publication No. 7-152541 (June 16, 1995)
- 4) Japanese Publication No. 8-307445 (November 22, 1996)
- 5) Japanese Publication No. 11-312108 (November 9, 1999)

The Applicants are of opinion that the present invention is patentable over these references. The references are being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicants are aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the present application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is our payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), \$180.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



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